The House reassembled after lunch at thirty-one minutes past two of the clock.

**The Vice-Chairman (Shri H. Hanumanthappa)** in the Chair.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA) Papers to be laid on the Table.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR EXPENDITURE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB FOR THE YEAR 1987-88

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) showing the Supplementary Demands for Grants for expenditure of the Government of Punjab for the year 1987-88 (First Batch—August, 1987).

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): How much is the additional expenditure?

SHRI B. K. GADHVI: I have laid the statement on the Table. You can go through it.

SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE: You can mention it since you are on your leg.

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## PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE—Contd.

### Notification of Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue)

SHRI B. K. GADHVI: It is easy for you to work out. This is mostly for industry, planning, relief and rehabilitation. (*Interruptions*)

Sir, I also lay on the Table, under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) Notification No. 289|87-Customs, dated the 10th August, 1987, amending Notification No. 30|83-Customs, dated the 25th February, 1983, so as to reduce the basic customs duty from 25 per cent to 10 per cent *ad valorem* on components of fuel-efficient two-wheeled motor vehicles under phased manfacturing programme, together with an Explanatory Memorandum thereon. [Placed in Library. *See* No. LT—4583/87].

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## MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF A JOINT COMMITTEE OF BOTH HOUSES TO ENQUIRE INTO THE ISSUES ARISING FROM THE REPORT OF THE SWEDISH NATIONAL AUDIT BUREAU RELATING TO THE BOFORS CONTRACT TO SUPPLY 155 MM HOWITZER GUNS TO INDIA-Contd.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA): Shri Dipen Ghosh to continue his speech.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I would like to complete. I was talking about the power to be given to this Committee, unhindered power, to summon and examine Minister as well as foreign officials and agencies, to get at the truth. Here, the Minister of Defence has agreed to give this power, but the prerogative is with the Speaker. This means, the Speaker has been given the overriding authority to decide whether the Committee would be given such power or be able to exercise such power. But I was pointing out that the House is supreme, Parliament is supreme and this i a special situation where Parliament has been called upon to set up a Committee to find out the truth. Therefore, when this Motion has been brougnt to this House, the House should straightway give the power to the Committee; the House should leave it to the collective wisdom of the Committee. This Committee will consists of Members of Parliament. The Chairman will be a Member of Parliament. The collective wisdom of the Committee will be surely better than that of a particular individual, who is elected by the House. My point is that the Speaker should not be given, this overiding authority. Instead the Committee should be given the power, unhindered power, to summon and examine Ministers as well as foreign officials and agencies.

The third point is—to which also the Minister of Defence has not agreed—in regard to giving the Chairmanship of the